

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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7 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
8 MONTANA EXPRESSING A RECOGNITION BY THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA THAT INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS
9 OF THE UNITED STATES, ACTING ~~PROPERLY AND INDEPENDENTLY~~ TOGETHER WITH LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY
11 FORCES, ARE THE SOLE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF THWARTING TERRORISM IN THESE UNITED STATES;
12 ASSERTING THAT FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE PRESERVED BY THE TRANSFER OF
13 POWER FROM INDIVIDUALS TO GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF FIGHTING TERRORISM; AND
14 ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO PASS AN ACT THAT SUPPORTS AND AUTHORIZES INDIVIDUALS TO
15 INTERDICT TERRORISM WHEREVER IT MAY OCCUR ON THE SOIL OF THE UNITED STATES,
16 RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUALS HAVING TOOLS TO FIGHT TERRORISM, REMOVES
17 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ACTIONS TAKEN TO INTERDICT TERRORISM, AND CREATES A
18 REWARD FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE PART IN PREVENTING TERRORISM AGAINST
19 THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.
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21 WHEREAS, the people of these United States have a long and rich history and tradition of
22 nongovernmental and individual action in preventing offenses against the people, business interests, and
23 political structures of our country; and

24 WHEREAS, OUR DEDICATED MILITARY PERSONNEL, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FIREFIGHTERS, AND
25 EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL REQUIRE THE FULL SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS IN ORDER TO BE FULLY
26 EFFECTIVE; AND

27 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has stated that effective prevention of terrorist acts depends
28 on the alertness and individual action of all citizens of these United States; and

29 WHEREAS, of all the tragedies planned by terrorists for the event now known as 9-11, the only one of
30 those terrorists acts effectively opposed and prevented was opposed and prevented by brave individual citizens

1 acting intelligently, spontaneously, and without government sanction or direction; and

2 WHEREAS, it is the history of our tradition and system of self-government that government trusts
3 individual citizens to act appropriately and make wise individual decisions absent the constraining hand of
4 government; and

5 ~~WHEREAS, it is contrary to the American way for there to exist at any time sufficient police and security~~
6 ~~forces internal to these United States to generate a likelihood that a government security agent will be present~~
7 ~~at the time and place of an intended terrorist act; and~~

8 ~~WHEREAS, for police and security forces to have the genuine likelihood of interdicting a terrorist act,~~
9 ~~the number of active forces would necessarily be so great as to cause our nation to become a police state, which~~
10 ~~is the exact antithesis of the foundation of our nation; and~~

11 WHEREAS, NO AMOUNT OF POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES WILL EVER SUFFICE TO INTERDICT ALL TERRORIST
12 ACTS WITHOUT THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF A WATCHFUL, VIGILANT, AND FREE CITIZENRY; AND

13 WHEREAS, the only people who have a high likelihood of being present at the time and the location of
14 an intended terrorist act are the citizens of these United States.

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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

18 That Congress be urged to pass a law named "The Terrorist-Free America Act" in recognition of the
19 nation's rich and proper history of self-reliance and the importance of applying that philosophy of self-reliance
20 to help defend these United States against terrorist acts. The act by Congress is recommended to contain the
21 following features:

22 (1) The people of these United States are exhorted to participate individually in the war on terrorism.

23 (2) The participation of individual people in interdicting acts of terrorism should be both passive, such
24 as being observant, and active, such as individual acts of contention and interdiction against any terrorists
25 attempting to commit a terrorist act.

26 (3) Individual people participating in the prevention of acts of terrorism must not be prevented from
27 having at hand the tools necessary for such prevention, especially firearms, by the federal government, any state
28 or local government, or any subdivision of these governments.

29 (4) Individual people assisting in prevention of terrorist acts must be exempted from criminal and civil
30 liability arising out of such preventative acts, according to established and standard doctrine for allowable uses

1 of lethal force.

2 (5) Medals and citations of award should be created to honor and reward individuals who materially
3 serve their country by preventing any act of terrorism on United States soil.

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